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September 16, 1969

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Special Assistant to the President
for Science and Technology
The Director, United States Arms Control
and Disarmament Agency

SUBJECT: NSSM 59, "U. S. Policy on Chemical and Biological
Warfare and Agents"

At the Interdepartmental Political-Military Group meeting on
NSSM 59, on August 22nd, your representatives concurred in the
Department of Defense request for a one month delay in the
submission of the study to the Review Group. The due date for
the NSSM 59 study has been extended from September 5th to
October 5th.

As indicated in a memorandum to me from the Department of State,
the Department of State may encounter some operational difficulties
requiring special handling because of the delay. Nevertheless, it is
expected that all involved agencies will refrain in the interim from
public statements or actions which would extend or revise current
policies.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, The Joint Chiefs of Staff

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